

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Yellow Medicine Soil & Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water Quality, Erosion control, Feedlot and Ag Waste Concerns, Impaired Waters, Groundwater Protection, Air Quality, Grazing Systems, Forest Management, Habitat Improvement

Also concerns on the ditch buffers and trying to stress implementing them

Blind Intakes – they felt they are successful and should be promoted

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

1. Yellow Medicine Watershed – specifically the monitoring sites #4 and #12 having a high nitrate problem.
Sandnes – Sections 9-11, 13-17, 19 and 36
Norman – Sections 13-14, 22-24, 26-28, and 33-36
Wergeland – Sections 16-21, and 18-33
2. Yellow Medicine River to Spring Creek as listed as impaired waters. This is the area from Hanley Falls to the Minnesota River.
3. Lac qui Parle Watershed – specifically the following areas:
Norman – Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 14
Omro - Sections 1-16, 22-24, 26-28, and 34
Oshkosh – Sections 1-12, 14-23, and 28-33
Tyro – Sections 4-9; 16-19; and 30
Wergeland – Sections 4-7
4. Canby Creek Watershed – specifically the following areas above Del Clark Lake
Fortier – Sections 11, 13-16 and 20-34
Norman – Sections 8, 9, 16-18, 19-20, and 30
5. Main channel of the Yellow Medicine River, Lac qui Parle River, Florida Creek and Lazarus Creek (1 mile on each side).
6. Vulnerable well areas (Canby, Echo, and Wood Lake)
7. Land adjacent to the lake of Wood Lake
8. Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed – HUC Code 7020004560

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

High Priority

Erosion Control
Gully Control
Water Quality
Feedlot Runoff & Ag Waste
Impaired Waters

Medium Priority

Groundwater Protection
Grazing Systems
Water Quantity

Low Priority

Air Quality
Forest Management
Habitat Improvement

4. **Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

SOIL EROSION – the application will install practices that reduce soil erosion by 1 or more tons/acre/year within priority areas of the Lac qui Parle River Watershed, the Yellow Medicine River Watershed, Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed, or within one mile of Florida Creek. **10 points**

SOIL EROSION - the application will install practices that reduce soil erosion by 1 or more tons/acre/year within one mile of Lazarus Creek, within one mile of Yellow Medicine River outside of the priority areas, within one mile of the Lac qui Parle River outside of the priority areas, within the Canby Creek Watershed above Del Clark Lake, or land directly adjacent of the lake of Wood Lake. **9 points**

SOIL EROSION - the application will install practices that reduce soil erosion by 1 or more tons/acre/year within all other Areas of the county outside of the priority areas. **8 points**

SOIL EROSION – the application will install practices that will control streambank, ephemeral or gully erosion. **5 points**

WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within priority areas of the Lac qui Parle River Watershed, the Yellow Medicine River Watershed, Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed, or within one mile of Florida Creek. **8 points**

WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within one mile of Lazarus Creek, Within one mile of the Yellow Medicine River outside of the priority areas, within one mile of the Lac qui Parle River outside of the priority areas, within the Canby Creek Watershed above Del Clark Lake, and land directly adjacent to the lake of Wood Lake, or the practice is within 3 miles of the listed vulnerable well areas of Canby, Echo and Wood Lake. **7 points**

WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within all other areas of the county outside of the priority areas. **5 points**

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – the application will install practices that address feedlot runoff. **8 points**

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
See Q4
6. Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Date

YELLOW MEDICINE SWCD LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING AGENDA
Ag Service Center in Clarkfield Minnesota
November 18, 2008
10:30 P.M.

1. Opelene Johnson
2. Raf Jacobs
3. Sam Rensin
4. Barton H. H. H.
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